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Communication

Sir:

Applicant submitted a Response to the Office Action mailed in the instant application on March 16, 2004. The Response was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on, or about, August 25, 2004. Applicant respectfully notes that the papers filed concurrently with the Response did not include a separate Petition for Extension of Time, Form (PTO/SB/22). Rather, the Response included language on page 14 that should constitute a petition for an extension of time. Notwithstanding, to avoid any unnecessary delay in the prosecution of the instant application, Applicant submits herewith a PTO Form (PTO/SB/22) Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months. Applicant submitted a Fee Transmittal Form concurrently with the Response authorizing the Commissioner to charge the extension fee (\$950.00) to Deposit Account No. 18-1850. In the event that the noted extension fee has not already been charged to its deposit account, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

The deadline for responding to the noted Office Action, with a three (3) month extension of time is September 16, 2004. Accordingly, this Paper and the Response received by the Office on August 25, 2004, are timely filed. Entry of the Amendment Appl. No. 09/944,290 Amdt. Dated September 3, 2004 Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2004

included in the Response and reconsideration of the instant application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

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